

~~PURIFIED THERMOSTABLE ENZYME~~Abstract of the Disclosure

F A purified thermostable ^{nucleic acid polymerase} ~~enzyme~~ is obtained that has unique
 F characteristics. Preferably the ^{nucleic acid polymerase} ~~enzyme~~ is isolated from the ^{DNA Polymerase} ~~Thermus~~
 5 aquaticus species and has a molecular weight of about 86,000-95,000
 F daltons. The thermostable ^{nucleic acid polymerase} ~~enzyme~~ may be native or recombinant and may
 be used in a temperature-cycling chain reaction wherein at least one
 nucleic acid sequence is amplified in quantity from an existing
 sequence with the aid of selected primers and nucleotide
 F 10 triphosphates. The ^{nucleic acid polymerase} ~~enzyme~~ is preferably stored in a buffer containing
 F ^{nucleic acid polymerase} ~~non-ionic detergents~~ that lends stability to the ^{enzyme} ~~enzyme~~.

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